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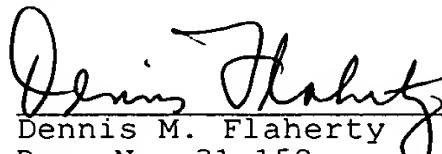
RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the action mailed on June 3, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants request that the Final Rejection be withdrawn because it does not take into account the Preliminary Amendment filed by the Applicants by fax on December 18, 2003. A copy of that Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

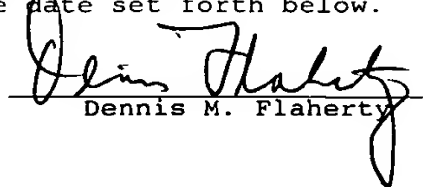
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUPPLEMENTING
PREVIOUSLY FILED REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED PROSECUTION

Sir:

On November 18, 2003, Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination that was not accompanied by any amendment. This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to supplement the earlier-filed RCE. If the Patent Office determines that an additional fee is required due to this late filing, such fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2402. Any other fee needed to ensure continued examination of this application should be charged to the same deposit account.

Prior to continued examination of this application, Applicants request that the claims be amended as indicated starting on the next page (p. 3).